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OXIDIC CATALYST COMPOSITION )  
COMPRISING A DIVALENT, A )  
TRIVALENT, AND A RARE EARTH )  
METAL )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO BE ENTERED PRIOR TO CLAIMS FEE**  
**CALCULATION AND CONSIDERED PART OF ORIGINAL FILING**

Sir:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims, which begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 3 of this Response.

Authorization of payment of the requisite fees is attached.